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In re Application of PUGEL et al :  
U.S. Application No.: 10/549,258 :  
PCT Application No.: PCT/US04/07199 :  
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Priority Date Claimed: 11 March 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No.: PU040067 :  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR :  
DISTRIBUTING SIGNALS BY DOWN- :  
CONVERTING TO VACANT CHANNELS :

This is in response to the declaration filed 27 July 2006.

The declaration is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 09 March 2004 and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 27 July 2006.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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